



Houseplants

& Creating Indoor Gardens



When plants with similar light and water requirements are planted together, the result is a lush and beautiful indoor garden.

- These plants may grow to be very large. Plan and plant accordingly.
- ◆ These plants may require specialized soil mix, media, or fertilization.
- ✱ Check UF/IFAS Assessment of Non-native Plants: assessment.ifas.ufl.edu

Light Requirement

(measured in foot candles (ftc) at mid-day; see "Light for Houseplants" article on Gardening Solutions for descriptions of different light levels)

Direct Sun, 4+ hours

High (over 500 ftc, partial/indirect)

Medium (100-500 ftc, indirect)

Low (25-100 ftc, indirect)

Water Requirement
(point at which planting should be watered)

Allow to dry

Water once soil surface layer is dry

Keep moist

Aloes ◆
Crown of Thorns
Jade Plant ◆

Ponytail ●
Succulents ◆✱

Grape Ivy
Jade Plant ◆
Jewel-leaf Plant

Peperomia
Succulents (some) ◆
Wax Plant

Grape Ivy
Jewel-leaf Plant
Peperomia and Pilea

Wax Plant

Few plants survive in conditions of extremely low light. Even the "low light" plants listed here will grow faster at higher light levels.

Croton ●◆
English Ivy ✱
Fiddle Leaf Fig ●
Flame Violet ◆
Geraniums ◆
Kalanchoes ◆✱
Norfolk Island Pine ●
Most herbs
Oxalis species



Air Plants
Begonias ◆
Christmas Cactus ◆
Corn Plant ●
English Ivy ✱
False Aralia ●
Fiddle Leaf Fig ●
Gloxinia ◆
Kalanchoes ◆
Kentia Palm ●
Monstera ●
Norfolk Island Pine ●
Orchids (some) ◆
Oxalis species

Philodendrons
Pilea ◆
Podocarpus ●
Pothos ✱
Prayerplant
Velvet Plant
Red Dracaena ●
Snake Plant ●◆
Spider Plant
Tradescantia ◆✱
ZZ Plant

Asparagus Fern ◆
Bamboo Palm ●
Bromeliads ◆
Cast-Iron Plant
Chinese Evergreens
Christmas Cactus ◆
Corn Plant ●
Dumb Cane ●
False Aralia ●
Fastia ●◆
Green Dracena ●
Kentia Palm ●
Monstera ●
Orchids (some) ◆

Parlor Palm ●
Philodendrons
Pilea ◆
Podocarpus ●
Pothos ✱
Prayerplant
Velvet Plant
Red Dracaena ●
Rubber Plant ●
Snake Plant ●◆
Spider Plant
Tradescantia ◆✱
ZZ Plant

Bamboo Palm ●
Cast-Iron Plant
Fastia ●◆
Kentia Palm ●
Monstera ●
Parlor Palm ●
Peace Lily
Philodendrons
Pothos ✱
Snake Plant ●◆
ZZ Plant

Coleus ◆
Hibiscus

African Violet ◆
Areca Palm ●
Calathea
Flamingo Flower
Lady Palm ●

Maidenhair Fern ◆
Peace Lily
Pygmy Date Palm ●
Staghorn Fern ◆

African Violet ◆
Bird's Nest Fern ◆
Calathea
Flamingo Flower
Lady Palm ●

Maidenhair Fern ◆
Peace Lily
Pygmy Date Palm ●
Staghorn Fern ◆
Zebra Plant

